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Supreme Court decision paves the way for new Michigan law *Michigan Children's Protection Act constitutional alternative to COPA*

LANSING – Sen. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, sponsor of Senate Bill 1025, an act creating the Michigan Children's Protection Act, said today's U.S. Supreme Court ruling highlights the benefit of Michigan's approach to protecting children from pornography and other inappropriate material sent electronically.

While the American Civil Liberties Union led the fight against the federal Child Online Protection Act, the Michigan chapter of the ACLU testified in support of Bishop's approach to protecting children.

"There are clearly right and wrong ways to safeguard children from exposure to inappropriate material," Bishop said. "Both today's Supreme Court ruling and the testimony of the ACLU stress the fact that the Michigan Legislature is on the right track."

Senate Bill 1025 is being considering by the House of Representative after unanimous approval in the Senate. It is expected that SB 1025, and its companion bill, HB 5979, will be passed by both chambers before the Legislature breaks for summer recess.

"The Supreme Court has consistently upheld the right of government to protect children in a manner that least infringes upon the First Amendment," Bishop said. "Through its initial drafting and subsequent changes, Senate Bill 1025 has been carefully crafted to honor that principle."

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